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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL IN  
WEST BERLIN

REF: USBERLIN 250

1. SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL HAS TWICE IN PAST MONTH REGISTERED IMPATIENCE AT "DELAY" IN GRANTING OF ALLIED AUTHORIZATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF KONSTANTIN VIKTOROVICH IPATOV TO CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF (REFTEL), CITING ALLIED "AGREEMENT" IN COURSE OF 1972 POLAD LEVEL TALKS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED MINUTE II THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO SOVIET INSTALLATIONS IN WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN ONE MONTH OF FILING OF REQUEST. CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV RAISED SUBJECT DURING COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER MARCH 6 AND ON APRIL 2, DURING CALL ON MISSION OFFICER ON OTHER BUSINESS, CONSUL KOZOBRODOV PROTESTED ON INSTRUCTIONS "UNDUE DELAY" IN PROCESSING IPATOV APPLICATION. MISSION OFFICERS HAVE DENIED EXISTENCE OF ALLIED COMMITMENT TO GRANT AUTHORIZATION WITHIN ONE MONTH, AND HAVE POINTED OUT THAT APPROVAL FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS

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TO CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF TOOK SUBSTANTIALLY LONGER.

2. SHARKOV'S COMPLAINT, COMING AS IT DID JUST A MONTH AFTER SUBMISSION OF IPATOV APPLICATION (FEBRUARY 7), WAS CLEARLY UNJUSTIFIED. HOWEVER, WE CAN UNDERSTAND SOVIET IMPATIENCE AT ELAPSE OF NEARLY TWO MONTHS WITHOUT RESPONSE. IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE POSSIBLE SOVIET ESCALATION OF WHAT IS MINOR ISSUE, AND TO AVOID FURTHER WRANGLING OVER WHAT WAS AGREED DURING 1972 POLAD TALKS, MISSION RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCE ON IPATOV APPLICATION REQUESTED REFTEL BE EXPEDITED. GEORGE

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